list #12

goodbye, baltimore.

hello friends

five years in one place is a long time. that's how long i was in baltimore, the place that still feels like home to me, in my heart, even though i now live in chicago. yes, in the middle of creating list #12, daniel, my partner, and i moved 600 miles - from the east coast back to the midwest- where we had both spent our early formative years.

in five years in baltimore, i started and completed four years of school. i formed opinions. i threw out opinions and reformed new ones. all 11 previous issues of this zine were created there with the inspir ation of the friends and community i relied on there. things in baltimore were good. they were really good. i had amazing friends, a place in the music scene, a house that did shows and potlucks and hosted touring bands and travelers. i felt like i helped create things and was a part of things. i guess when things get so good that you've been comfortable and happy for so long, fresh eyes are lost. i wasn't trying new things. i had already made up my mind about everywhere in town. it was a good routine, it kept me happy. but i feel too young to be that complacent, even if it was in a good way. don't get me wrong. i think it's very important to stay grounded and stay some where long enough to give back in some way, not just pass through until you're bored.

i guess after a year and a half at the frisby house, which my roommates and i dreamt up and built and supported, i felt like i had left my mark in a way and that i could move on. i'm so glad my former roommates are still there being awesome and running such a community oriented household. it does tug on my heartstrings a bit to see pictures from new adventures they're having, but i'm glad someone else took my place and could be integrated into such a good thing.

chicago does bring fresh eyes though. it's a challenge. i have to explore, seek things out, stop being timid, introduce myself, find new show spaces, not have a reputat ion (which honestly feels kind of lonely), get out of my house, make the move worth it. and so far it really has been.

i live in a very adult apart ment with my partner. we have lots of books and records and are clean and organized. we both have studios, which hopefully will make us pursue our art more. it feels a little strange to be past the dirty-ish punk house, almost like i'm trading in my youth, but it also feels refreshing.

another plus is that i'm 10 hours closer ~~closing~~ to my family, leaving me 2 hours from the town i grew up in. seeing your family only once a year can be a bummer, especially as we all get older.

lake michigan, the midwest, flannel, cold winters, family, high school friends, this is also home to me. i just need to get used to this sort of home again.

i always seem to finish another issue of list when i'm going through some sort of transition. so here we go again.

as always, this zine comes in three sections - lists by me and illustrated by me, lists found on the street or around the house and then illustrated by me, and lists submitted and illustrated by others!

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if you'd like to submit a 'guestlist' contact me at [redacted]mail.com !

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thanks so much for reading! feedback of any kind is always welcomed and encouraged.

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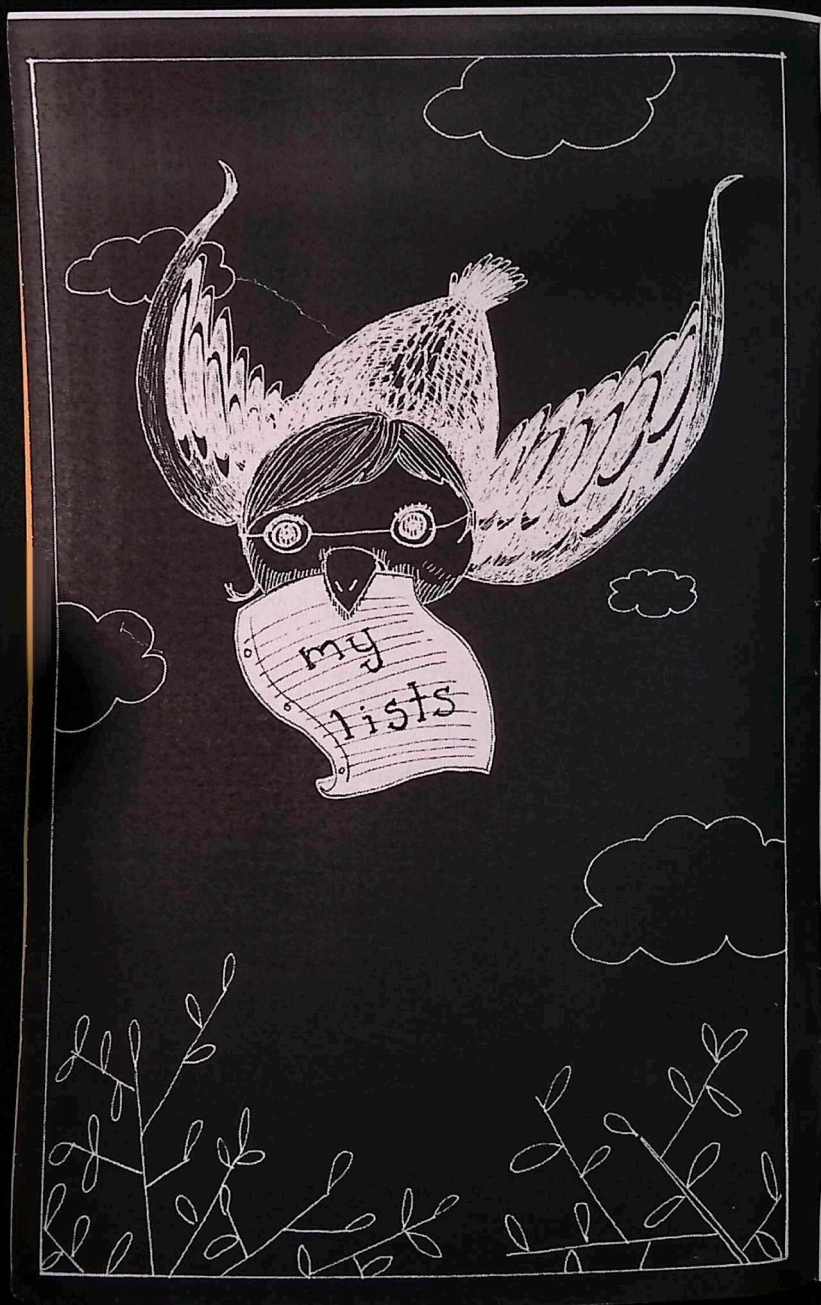

my
lists

things that frustrate me...

.having debt

.people who take themselves too seriously

.people who are never serious and turn everything into a joke

.having a backpack that's too big. it feels so cumbersome

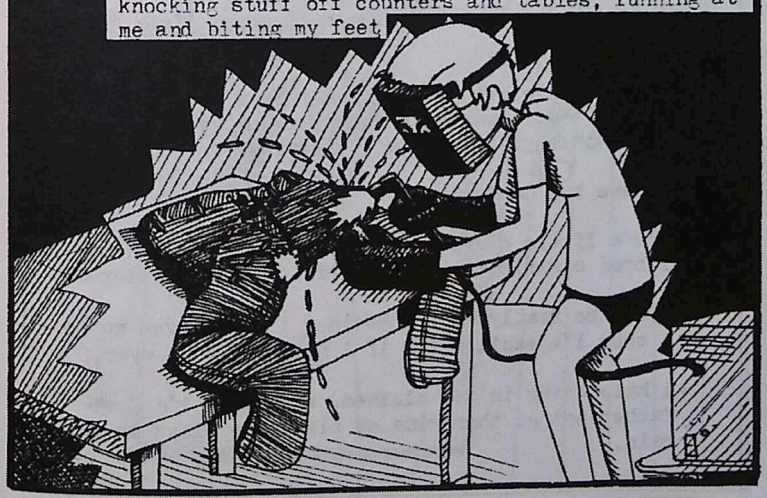
.when i get the first hole in the crotch of my everyday jeans, which i always do because of the wear from my bike seat. it's a downhill battle of sewing and patching from there - until i break down and buy a new pair

.ants coming in my windowsill. in my frisby house bedroom they were every where!

.dirty dishes in the sink

.slow work days

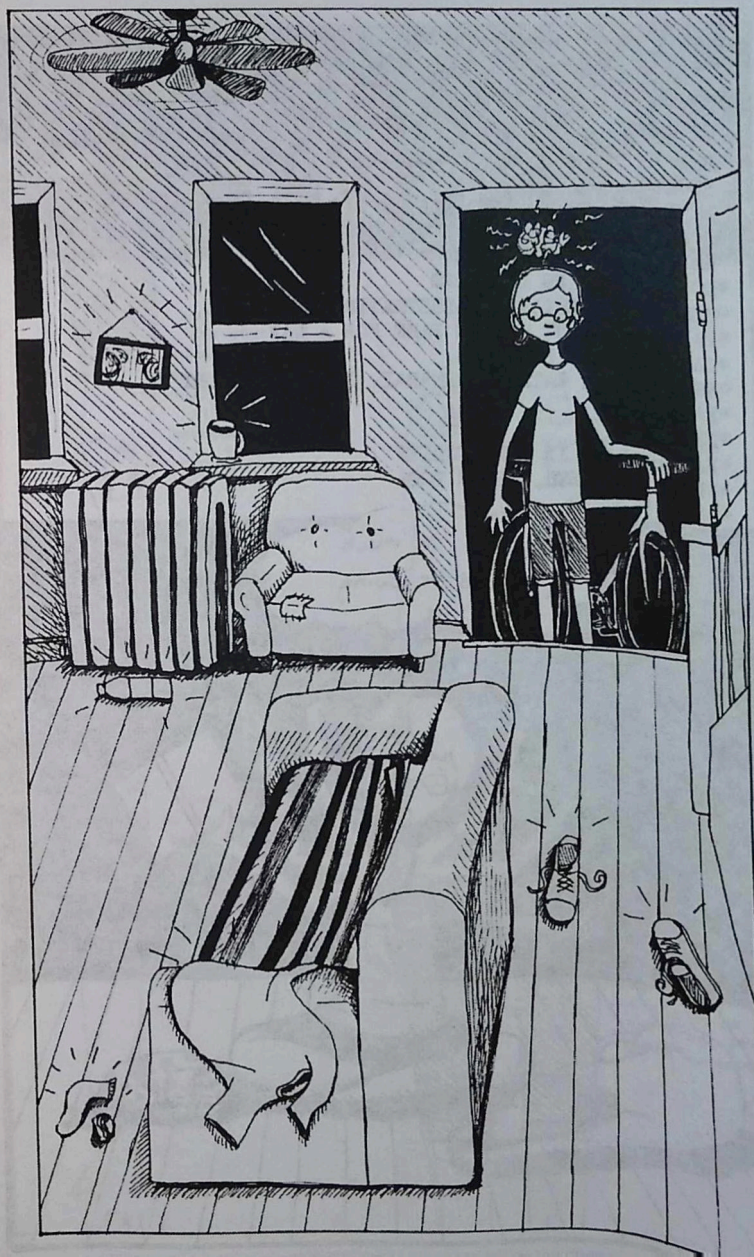
.when stella is in the 'playful' mood, which means sliding on and tearing apart any paper she sees, knocking stuff off counters and tables, running at me and biting my feet.



THINGS THAT ARE NEGATIVE ABOUT ME

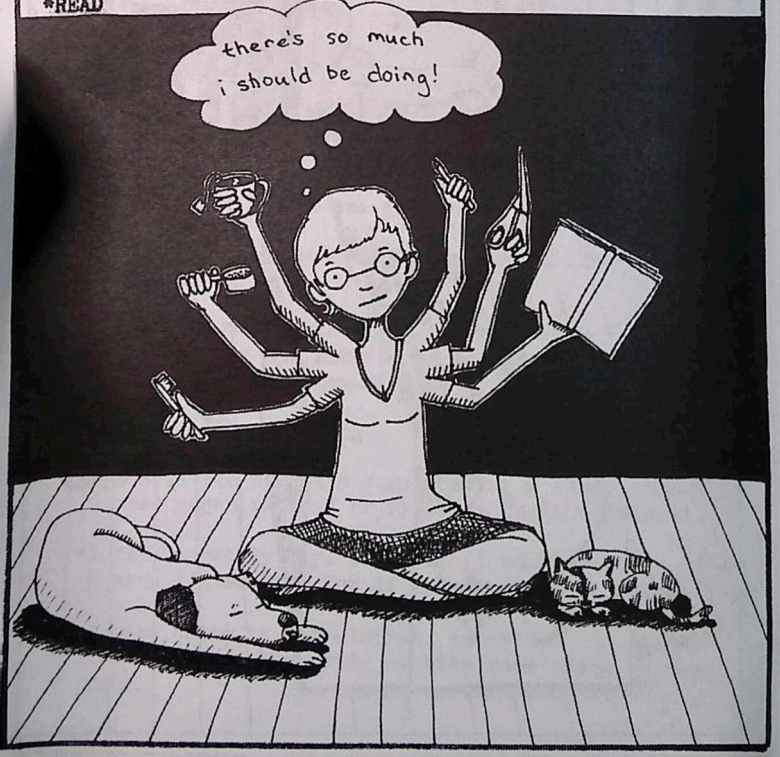
(i often think my zine portrays me as a cutesy, bubbly positive-all-the-time kinda girl; **thats** only accurate part of the time. this list is how i am on the other side. of course, it's also not an accurate description because it shows all the bad at once. usually on any given day i'm a little bit of each. mix normal zine ramsey and this list and you get a depiction of human ramsey, rather than c haracter ramsey)

- i can be really antisocial
- i'm often judgmental
- i don't brush my teeth
- i don't like to be touched! some people think i'm cold or intimidating because i'm not cuddly or huggy or high fivey and i wont pretend i am if you try to do any of those things to me. i'll be awkward and polite and give you a halfassed hug.
- i don't always wash dishes with soap. i'm a hot water washer
- i'm a little bit jaded. sometimes i have to remind myself that i was once young and naive - - there's proof in early issues of this zine!
- i have bad handwriting
- i'm a little neurotic about having a clean house. i need organization! or my brain feels cluttered.
- i can be really shy. sometimes i won't even go to a show i'm excited for if i have to go by myself
- i hate being in wet clothes. sometimes i'd just rather not go than ride my bike some place in the rain.

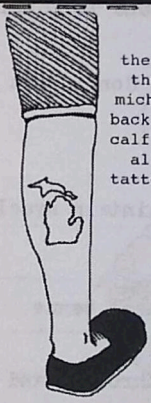


things i should do more...

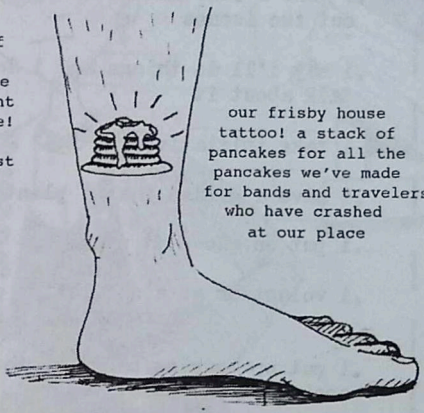
*LAY IN MY HAMMOCK
*STRETCH
*MAKE DESSERTS, ESPECIALLY FRUIT BASED ONES
*DRAW SEQUENTIAL COMICS, NOT JUST ONE PANEL ILLUSTRATIONS
*MAKE GIFTS FOR PEOPLE
*DO MORE SEWING PROJECTS
*SEEK OUT FREELANCE ILLUSTRATION JOBS
*TAKE ROVER OUT TO THE PARK FOR A DAY
*LATE NIGHT BIKE RIDES
*STAYING OUT LATE IN GENERAL. I'M A HOMEBODY
*PAINT
*DRINK TEA
*PARTICIPATE IN MED STUDIES
*BRUSH MY TEETH, FLOSS TOO
*READ



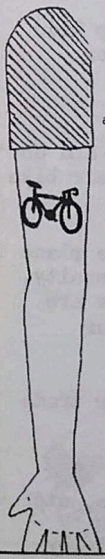
TATTOOS I HAVE:



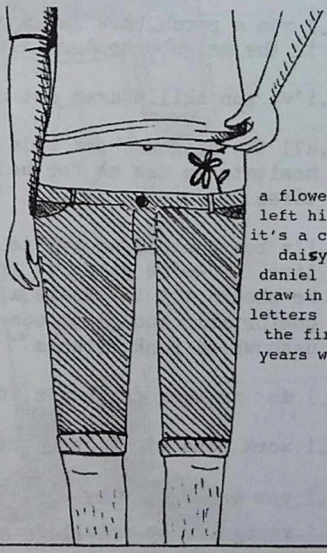
the contour of the state of michigan on the back of my right calf -- in blue! all my other tattoos are just black



our frisby house tattoo! a stack of pancakes for all the pancakes we've made for bands and travelers who have crashed at our place



a bicycle contour on the inside of my right upper arm



a flower on my left hip area. it's a copy of a daisy that daniel used to draw in all his letters to me in the first few years we dated

AWESOME PUNK ROCKLY THINGS THAT I DO...

(a list to remind myself on days when some punk as fuck kid doesn't give me the time of day because they've never seen me at their food not bombs or RNC/DNC convergence meeting)

.i make a zine and didn't just get around to putting out two issues

.i say i'll do things and i do them, i don't just talk about it

.i take initiative

.i have a garden that i planted and maintain myself

.i put on shows at my house

.i volunteer at a collective diy basement venue (charm city art space)

.i put up touring bands as they pass through, and cook them breakfast too

.i run a porch book reading project to keep kids in the neighborhood reading over the summer

.i've run skillshares out of my house

.all the neighborhood kids know me by name and don't hesitate to ask me for help pumping up their bike tires

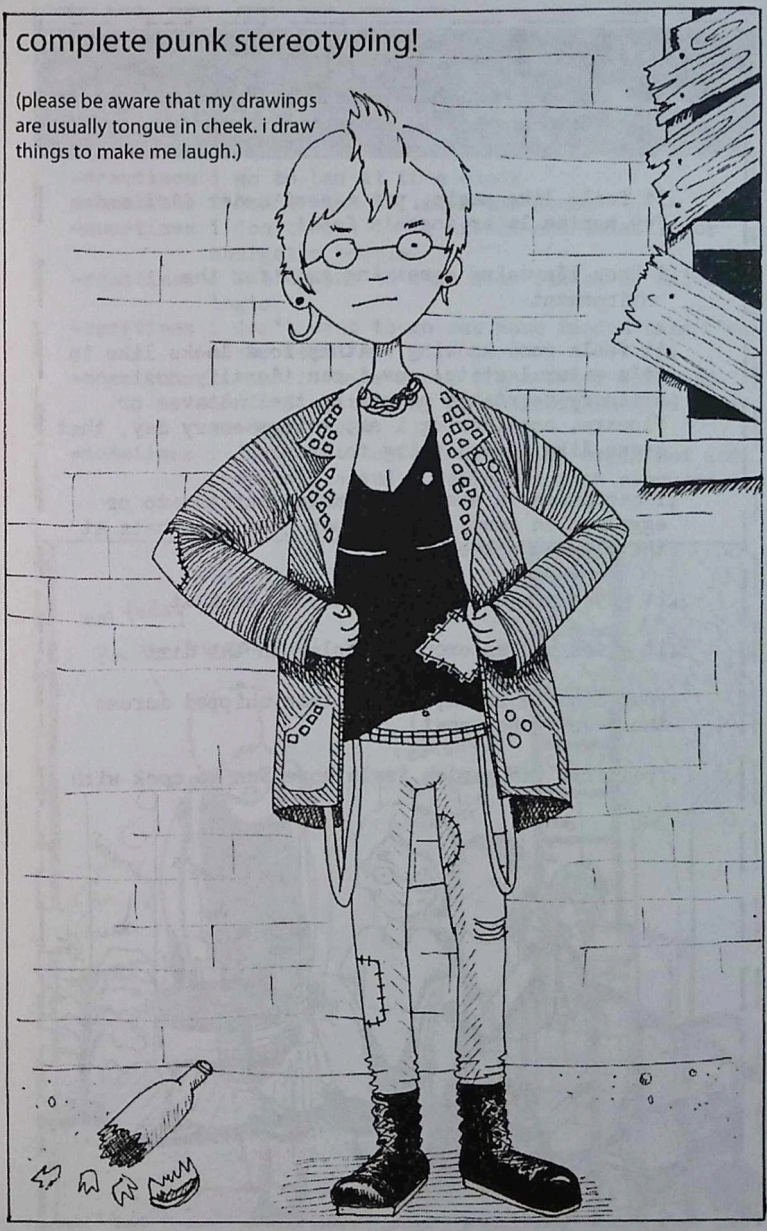
.i'm responsible enough to take care of the place i live. if we're going to try to create community, we should try to create a place the people are comfortable enough to come to, not just our unshowered punk friends

.i do artwork for bands, often for free or trade

.i work jobs at places i respect

.i sew and repair my own clothes, furniture, etc

.i recognise my privilege & respond to it daily


complete punk stereotyping!
(please be aware that my drawings are usually tongue in cheek. i draw things to make me laugh.)

WHY I LIKE GROWING THINGS

.it gives me something other than rover &stella to come home to everyday

.it feels like magic. put a seed under dirt and a few months later there's food!

.i know i'm doing something good for the environment

.it feels good knowing what my food looks like in it's natural state. now i can identify most ordinary vegetable plants by their leaves or flowers. considering i eat things every day, that seems like a good thing to know.

.i can choose a specialty variety of tomato or eggplant to grow, rather than just eat whats at the closest store

.it gives you something pretty to look at

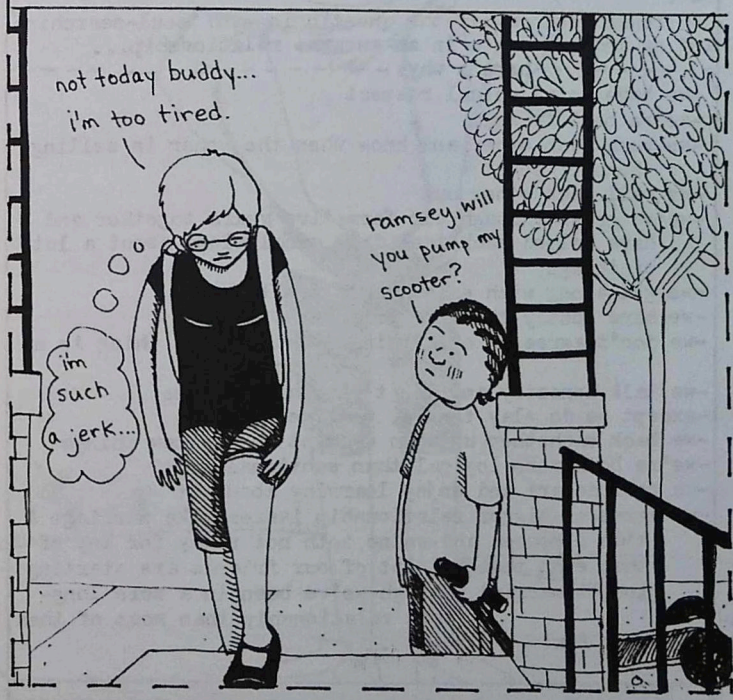
.it gives you an excuse to play in the dirt

.your food is fresh, rather than shipped across the country (or sea!)

.food from the garden feels more fun to cook with

Sometimes i feel old...

-sometimes i go to bed at 10 o clock
-sometimes i don't want to leave the house
-sometimes i don't want to be around enthusiastic or energetic people
-sometimes i don't want to deal with flawed or naive logic
-sometimes i don't want to go see some random band i've never heard
-sometimes i want to take a nap right after work and don't stop to pump up the neighborhood kids scooter tire
-sometimes i just want to feel clean and organized and responsible and sometimes i wish everyone around me did too



things aren't complicated

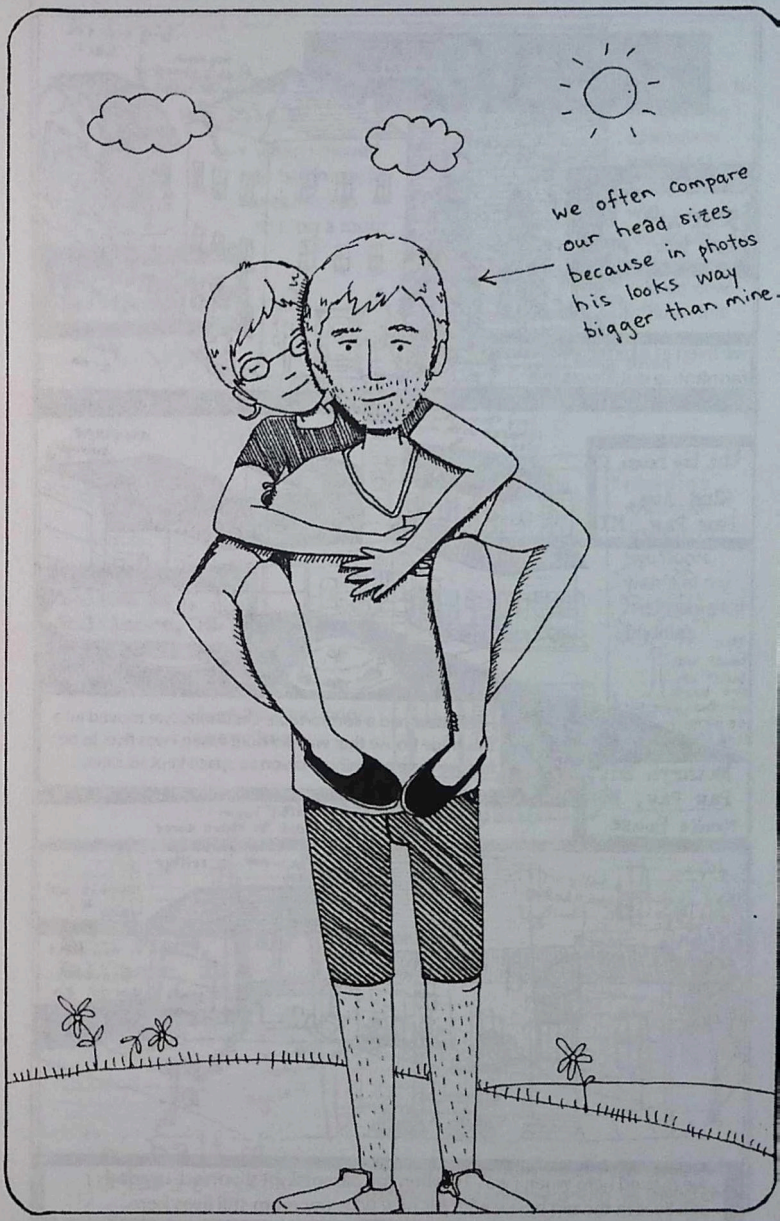
in the last issue of my zine i was **trying** to figure things out in a long-tern relationship. we were trying to see other people but ended up settling on the fact that we should just stick to being exclusive. this was probably because we'd already gotten used to our relationship **being** monogamous and it's the context we had built everything in. it was too hard to just turn that aspect off. perhaps if we had started off seing other people all along it would have been easier.

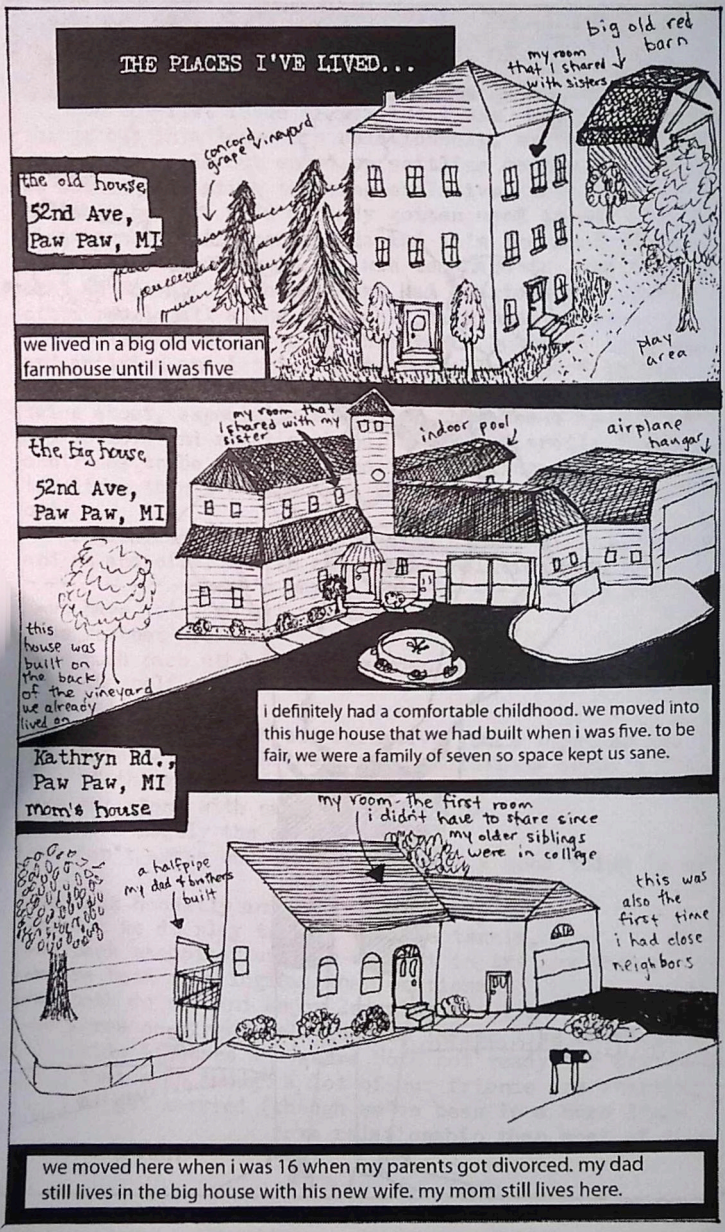
polyamory seems to be this years buzzword in punk, and activism and i think thats probably a good thing. people need to question the things they never think twice about, especially something that seems as cut and dry as love and relationships. since, afterall, love continues to be one of the most perplexing and tumultous things humans have bothered to try to figure out.

regardless of all the questioning and 'soul-searching' and on and offs, **i'm in an awesome relationship...**

here's why:

-we have total mutual respect
-we're best friends
-we push each other and know when the other is selling themself short
-we call each other out
-we've grown through our formative years together and have helped eachother draw conclusions about a lot of things
-we get along with eachother's family
-we have mostly the same friends
-we don't agree on everything (thats a good thing in my opinion)
-we talk honestly and don't play silly games
-except we do play tennis. we like tennis.
-we back eachother up when we want to try new things
-we're both more logical than emotional
-we both do art and enjoy learning about it
-we agree on bigger relationship issues like marriage & kids & houses and we're both not ready for any of that even though a lot of our friends are starting to get married (though we've been in a more long-term relationship than most of them
-we have fun!

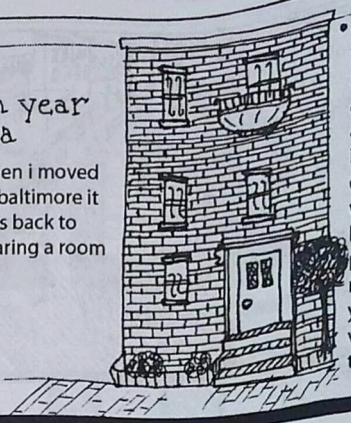

we often compare
our head sizes
because in photos
his looks way
bigger than mine.


THE PLACES I'VE LIVED...
big old red barn
my room that I shared with sisters
concord grape vineyard
the old house
52nd Ave,
Paw Paw, MI
we lived in a big old victorian farmhouse until i was five
play area
my room that I shared with my sister
indoor pool
airplane hangar
the big house
52nd Ave,
Paw Paw, MI
this house was built on the back of the vineyard we already lived on
i definitely had a comfortable childhood. we moved into this huge house that we had built when i was five. to be fair, we were a family of seven so space kept us sane.
Kathryn Rd.,
Paw Paw, MI
mom's house
my room - the first room i didn't have to share since my older siblings were in college
a halfpipe my dad + brothers built
this was also the first time i had close neighbors
we moved here when i was 16 when my parents got divorced. my dad still lives in the big house with his new wife. my mom still lives here.

freshman year at mica

- when i moved to baltimore it was back to sharing a room

Mt. Royal Ave, Baltimore, MD

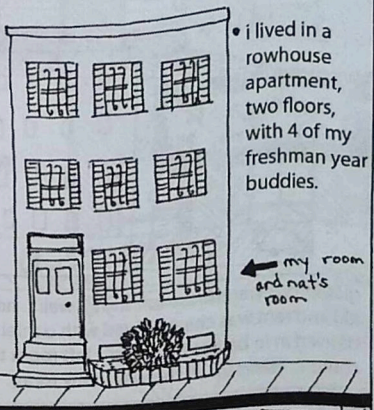


- freshman year, they assigned us to a rowhouse apartment instead of dorms! i lived with a vegan lesbian from peru and a russian new yorker. i felt very small town

sophomore year

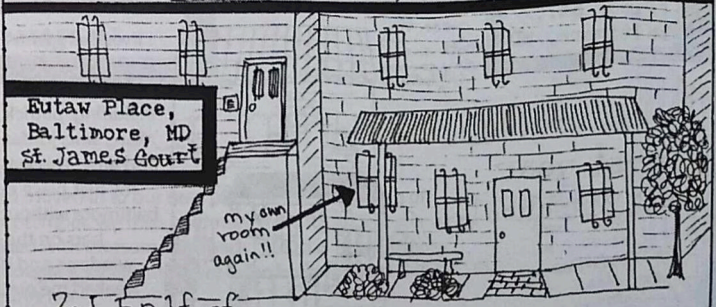
Bolton St., Baltimore, MD

- i lived with nat, cory, joe and ben



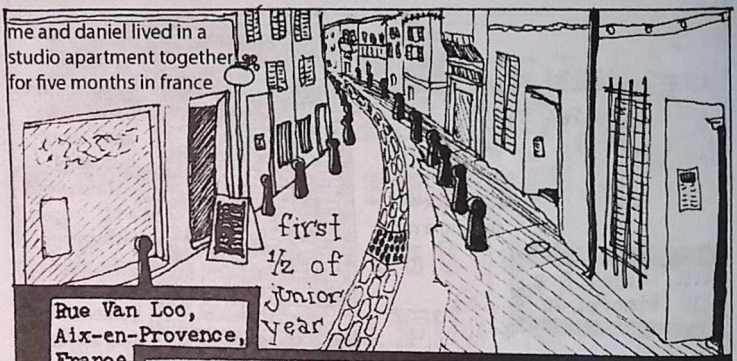
- i lived in a rowhouse apartment, two floors, with 4 of my freshman year buddies.

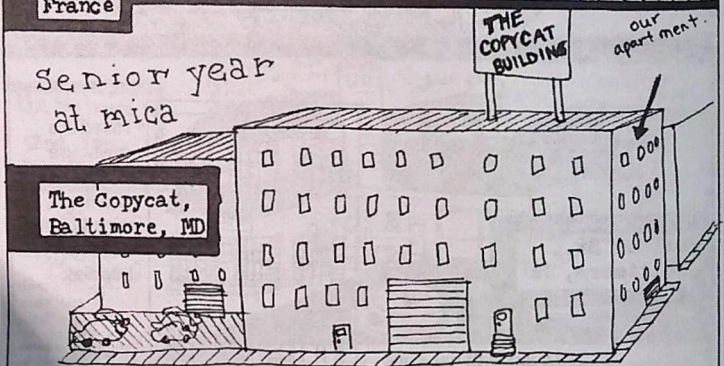
Eutaw Place, Baltimore, MD
St. James Court



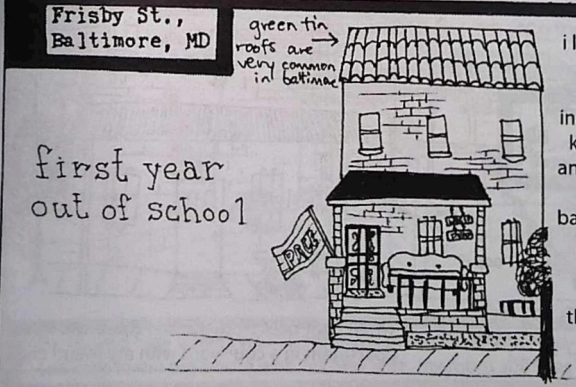
2nd half of junior year

- when i got back from france i subletted this apartment in a courtyard with my friend chris.

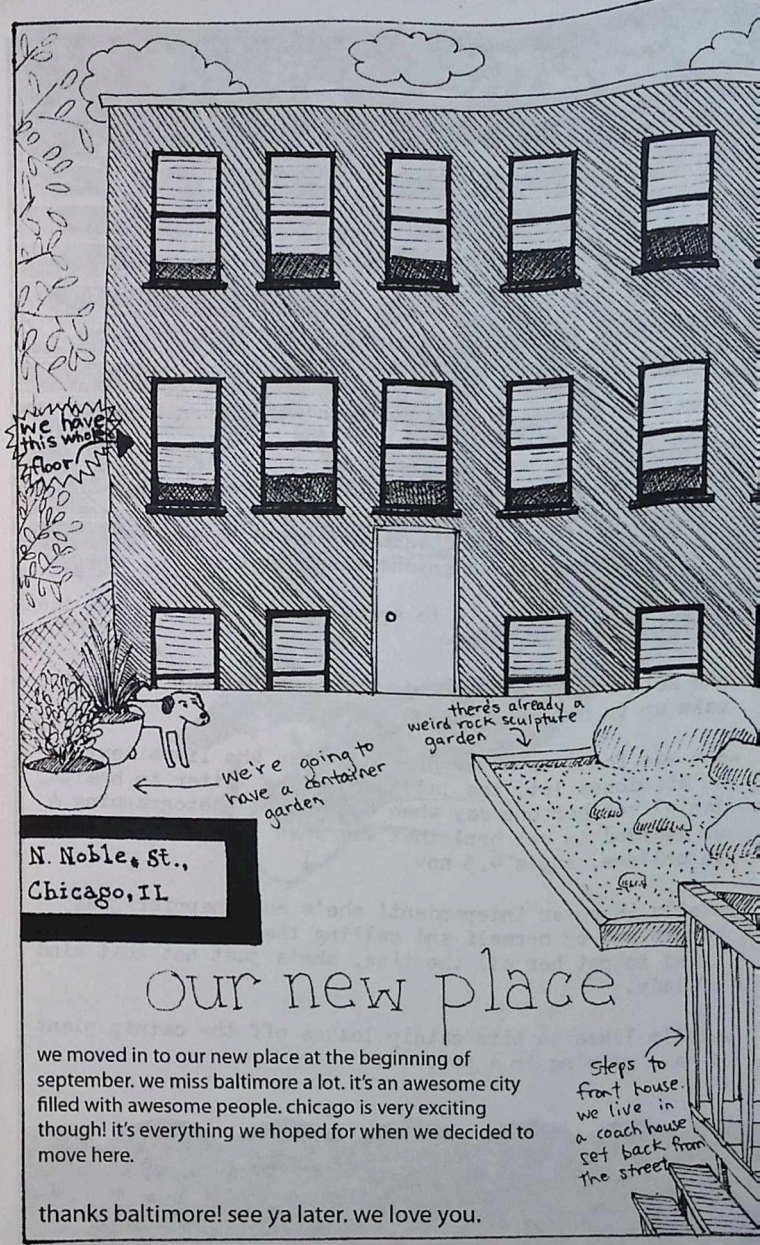

me and daniel lived in a studio apartment together for five months in france
first 1/2 of junior year
Rue Van Loo, Aix-en-Provence, France



glamorous warehouse loft living. well.... not glamorous, but cool for an art school kid and rent was cheap. i lived with daniel and joe. it was the only non-rowhouse i'd lived in in baltimore. i had a loft room that i climbed a rickety ladder to. i couldn't stand up all the way in my room.



i lived here with a couple sets of roommates including: patrick, kate, sine, jordan and amy. this was my first place in baltimore without bars on the windows and it freaked me out! though we never had a problem.


we have this whole floor
there's already a weird rock sculpture garden
we're going to have a container garden
N. Noble St.,
Chicago, IL
steps to front house. we live in a coach house set back from the street

our new place

we moved in to our new place at the beginning of september. we miss baltimore a lot. it's an awesome city filled with awesome people. chicago is very exciting though! it's everything we hoped for when we decided to move here.

thanks baltimore! see ya later. we love you.

stella cat

-she growls and pounces at people

-she comes up and asks for lovin, then bites you

-she growls when you pick her up, then lets you pet her if you insist

-she mostly just likes attention at night when we're trying to sleep

-sometimes she just sprints around the house for no reason

-she's real small. all my family cats were much bigger

-when she's hyper she chases me around biting my feet, she doesn't do it to anyone else, just me

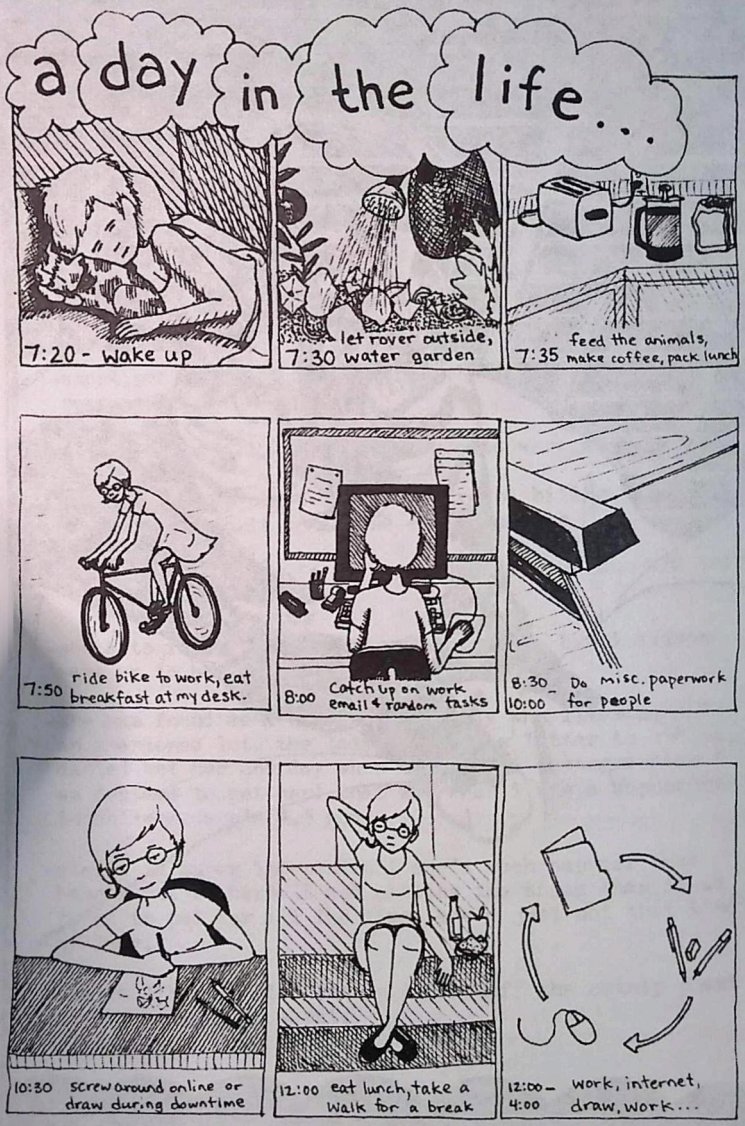
-her favorite thing is to sprawl out in the sun and then stretch really big.

-she acts really badass and unpersonable, but i always wake up to her nuzzling on my neck

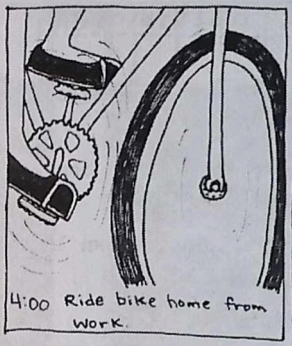
-she was found as a newborn by a lady who lives next to an abandoned lot. the lady nursed the litter to health. daniel met her one day when he was out photographing & we decided to get her! that was when i was a sophomore in college. she's 4.5 now

-stella is super independent! she's much happier just hangin out by herself and calling the shots than if we tried to pet her all the time. she's just not that kind of lady.

-stella likes to bite catnip leaves off the catnip plant i have growing in a pot.

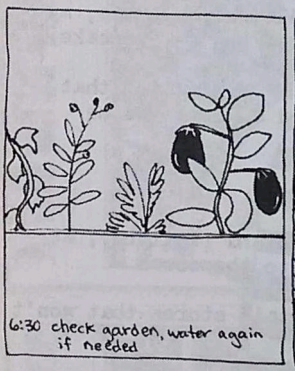

a day in the life...
7:20 - wake up
let rover outside, 7:30 water garden
feed the animals, 7:35 make coffee, pack lunch
7:50 ride bike to work, eat breakfast at my desk.
8:00 Catch up on work email & random tasks
8:30 - 10:00 Do misc. paperwork for people
10:30 screw around online or draw during downtime
12:00 eat lunch, take a walk for a break
12:00 - 4:00 work, internet, draw, work...

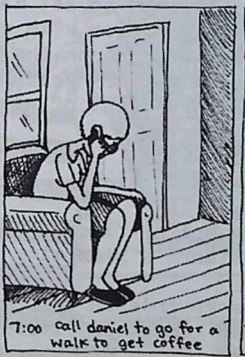
this has been my life for the last year. now that you're reading this, though, everything is completely different! my life is up in the air.

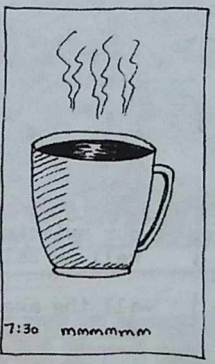

4:00 Ride bike home from work.

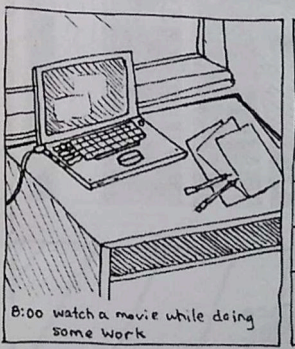
4:00-5:00 Play with neighbor kids, walk rover, do both at once

6:00 feed the animals and myself

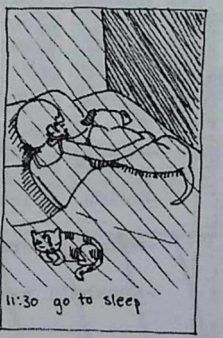

6:30 check garden, water again if needed


7:00 call daniel to go for a walk to get coffee


7:30 mmmmmm


8:00 watch a movie while doing some work

9:00 hang out with the roomies


11:30 go to sleep

things i'll miss about baltimore:

-the millions of independent venues and galleries. diy show options every night!

-baltimore hardcore - so many good bands have come from here and most don't consist of assholes

-being a member of charm city art space, my own little punk rock family

-all my other friends and acquaintances

-living in the frisby house; all the passerbys, my garden, watching movies with my roomies, pancake breakfasts, afternoons on the porch, all the neighborhood kids, our 'welcome punx!!' sign that jordan and i carved out of wood and my awesome roommates

-the orange glow at night

-our swimming holes - loch raven and prettyboy, as well as baltimore's proximity to the ocean

-all the awesome independent retail stores that won't be replicated in other cities

-the small town feel

-being part of a tight knit diy community

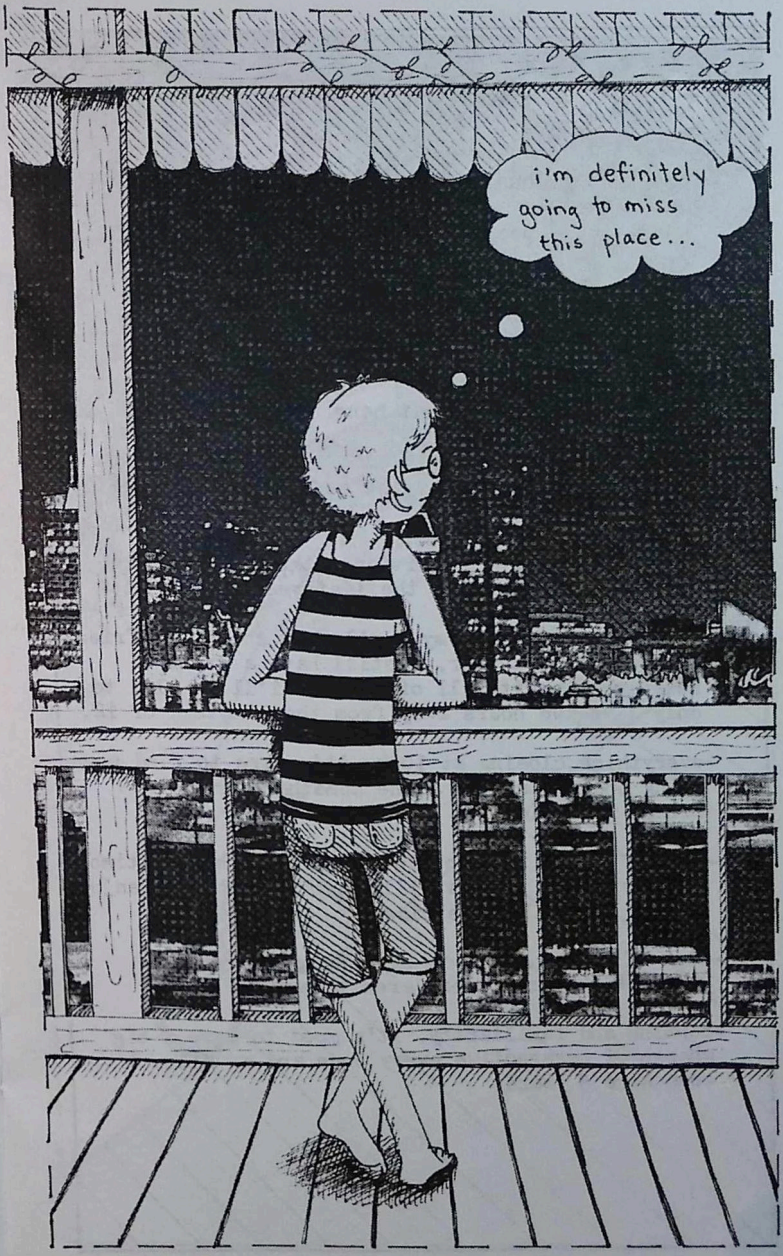
-iggies pizzaria

-the farmers markets

-brick sidewalks

-mild winters

-snowball stands all over the place


i'm definitely going to miss this place...

things i'm happy to leave:

-super muggy humid summers

-super muggy people! i hate being afaid of getting mugged

-the crime in general. my level of paranoia has skyrocketed, as a woman living in one of the most dangerous cities in the states

-the bloods members that hang out next door

-insane allergies/asthma. i never had them until i moved here. apparently the pollen count is really high here.

-unfriendly biking conditions, though they have been improving within the last year

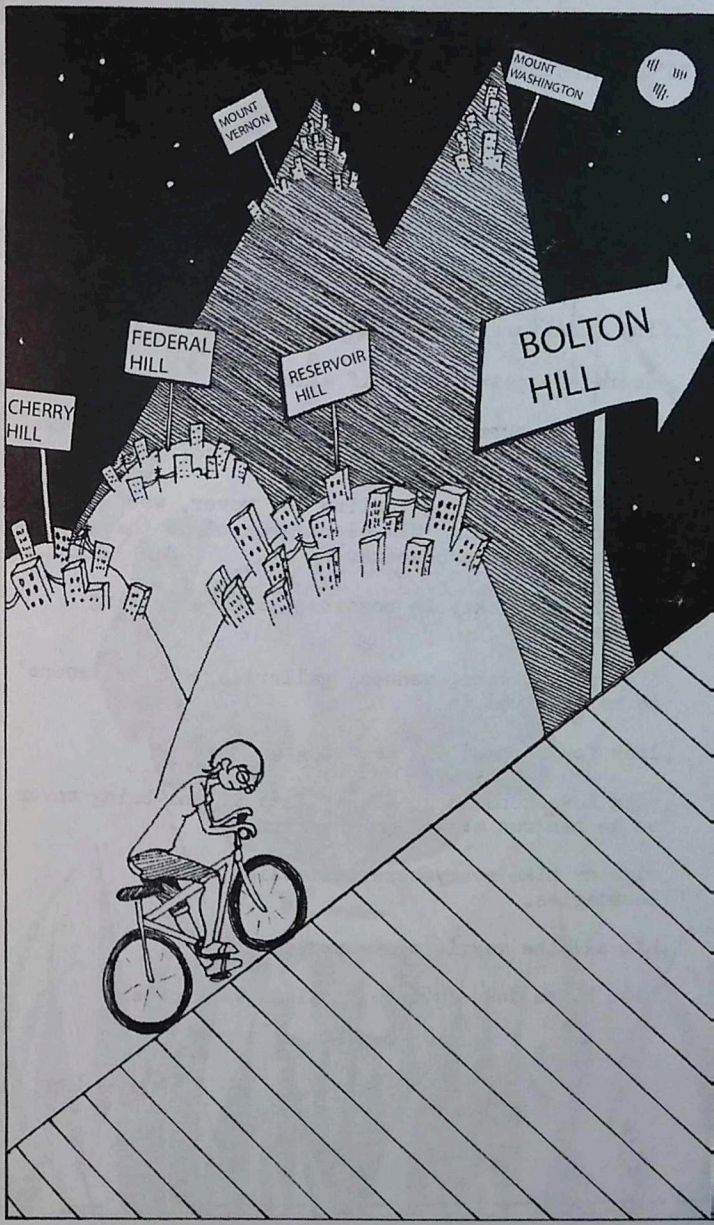
-only getting to see my family and childhood friends once or twice a year. i still have a great relationship with all of them so i'll be glad to only live two hours away from them instead of 12.

-everything closing at 10pm. it's rare to find something open late, let alone something that caters to vegans.

-lots of hills! you wouldnt expect it, but baltimore is very hilly. i have killer calves but will enjoy a more leisurely bike ride.

-cost of living. rent in safe neighborhoods is pretty high since there aren't many of them

-routine and familiarity. it's good to have a big change of perspective every once and a while. i've been here 5 years.


MOUNT VERNON
MOUNT WASHINGTON
FEDERAL HILL
RESERVOIR HILL
CHERRY HILL
BOLTON HILL

*IMMEDIATE TO*DO LIST FOR A NEW CITY*

.look into med studies and focus groups for quick cash.

.look into jobs and freelancing.

.walk around a lot. get acclimated.

.find furniture on craigslist.

.decorate - paint walls if allowed.

.find cheap burrito joint, chinese place with monks menu (fake meat menu), falafel and coffee.

.establish a walking routine for rover, where i'll feel comfy walking him alone - or maybe that's just a baltimore concern.

.unpack as quickly as possible. i hate feeling unorganized

.find punk houses, venues, galleries, etc. a 'scene' to be involved in

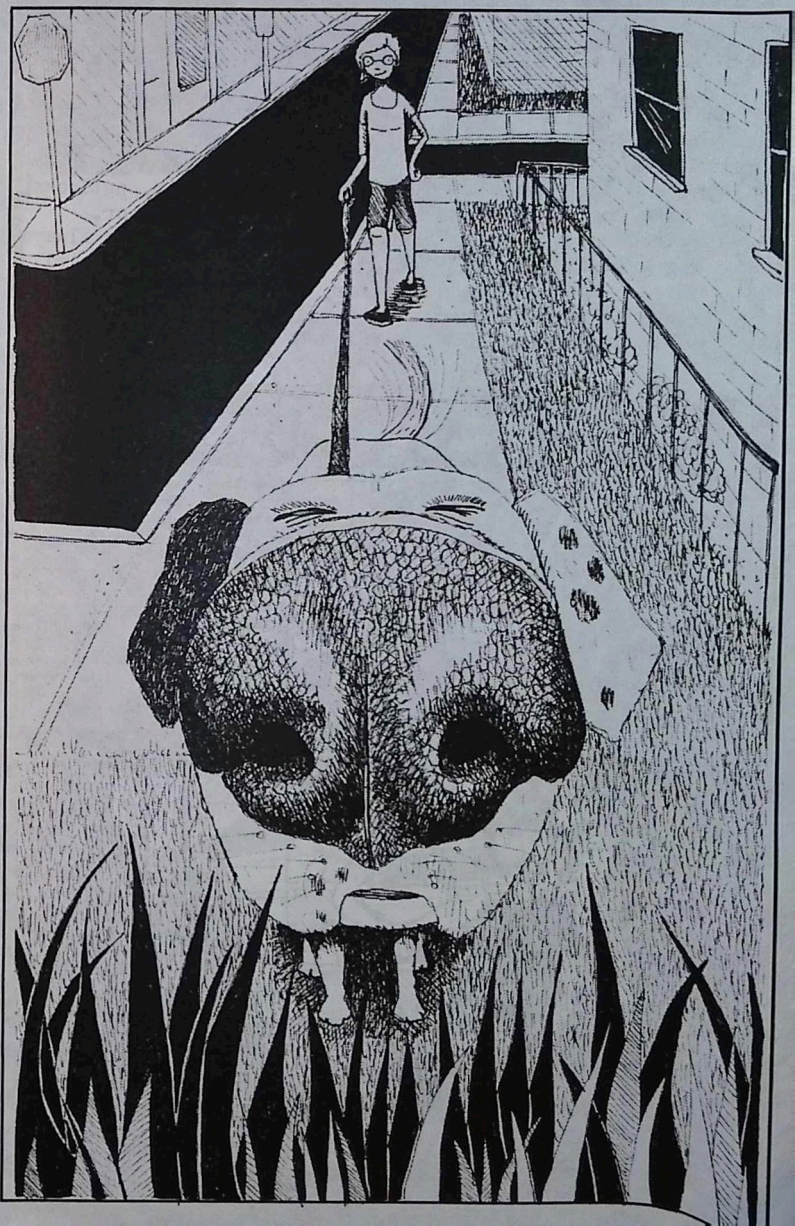
.look for a community garden and CSA

.plan a weekend to go see my family, and bring rover so he can run around on the farm

.ride my bike everywhere. establish my own boundaries.

.hit all the veggie restaurants

.ride bikes down to lake michigan very often!



THE FRISBY HOUSE

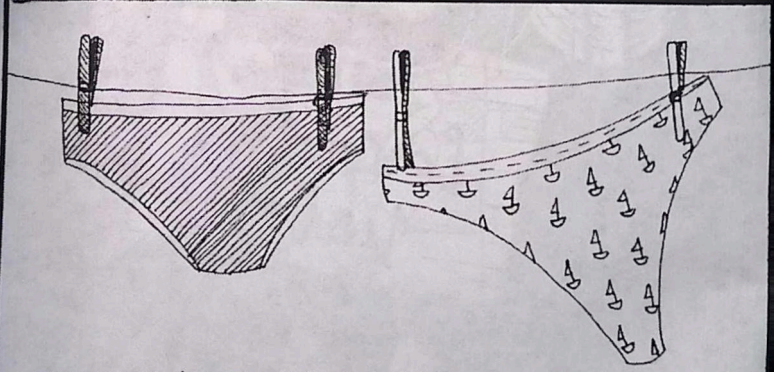
pancakes. best friends. bands sleeping on the floor. shows in the basement. garden. little kid neighbors. notes from friends. community. tv show marathons. open doors. bikes. sewing machine. dumpstered odwalla. cockroaches. potlucks. kate sing ing songs. 'dance here' stuck on the floor. smelly roommates. vegan nacho cheese. kale. jordan always playing guitar. jon g's mixtape. banjo. violin. keyboard. toy piano. that litt le accordian. amy's wall of pictures. baltimore crime blog. video americain. sunday brunch. snowballs and snowball the dog. punk rock prom. tattoos.

i miss these kids!!

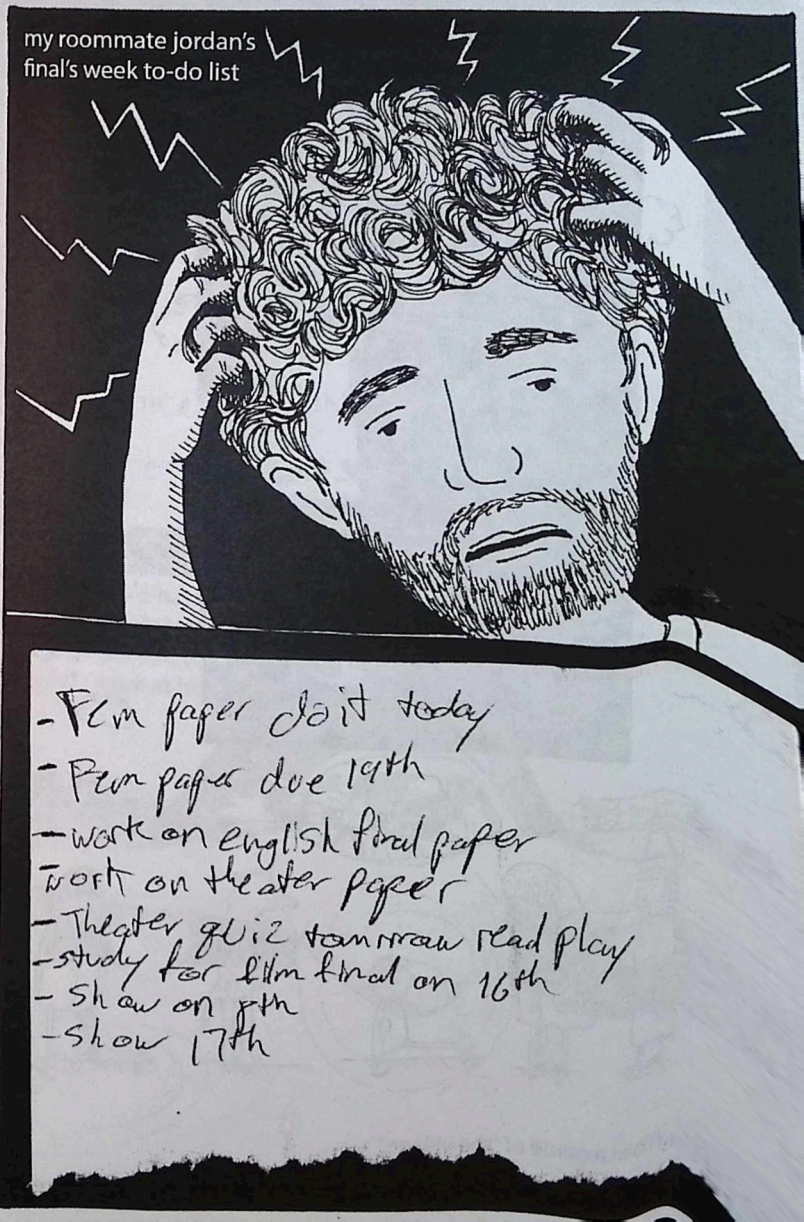
foun
lie

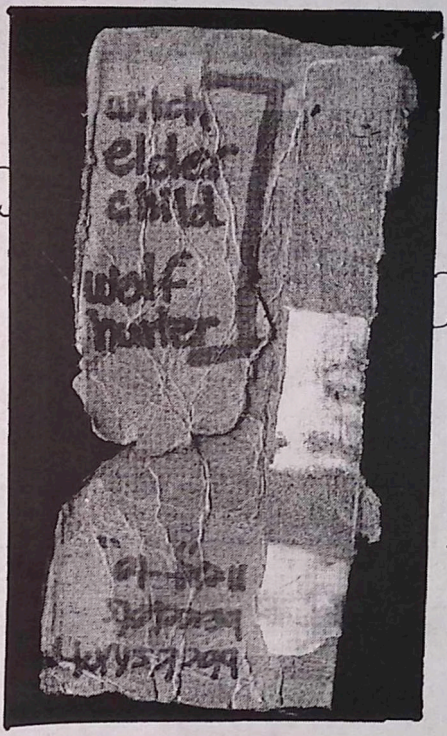
TO DO BEFORE 6/12

- ▲ Put up 1 month of shifts
- ▲ Get visa debit card
- ▲ Get travel sketch book
- ▲ Finish mix for Ken + Andrew
- ▲ Plan with Katie (no flights pls)
- ▲ Buy new undies
- ▲ Write Amy a letter
- ▲ ~~Settle groceries~~
- ▲ Write note for room
- ▲ Make tanks! tanks! tanks!



my roommate kate's to-do list before her summer travels


my roommate jordan's
final's week to-do list
-Film paper do it today
-Poem paper due 19th
-work on english final paper
-work on theater paper
-Theater quiz tomorrow read play
-study for film final on 16th
-Show on 5th
-Show 17th



a list from a game of "the village"

10/14 (1)

BY CHOICE HOTELS

Kayford Mtn. & Larry Gibson's home
N 38°00.00' W 81°25.00'

(3) Marsh Fork Elementary school & slurry pond
N 37°52.03' W 81°31.02'

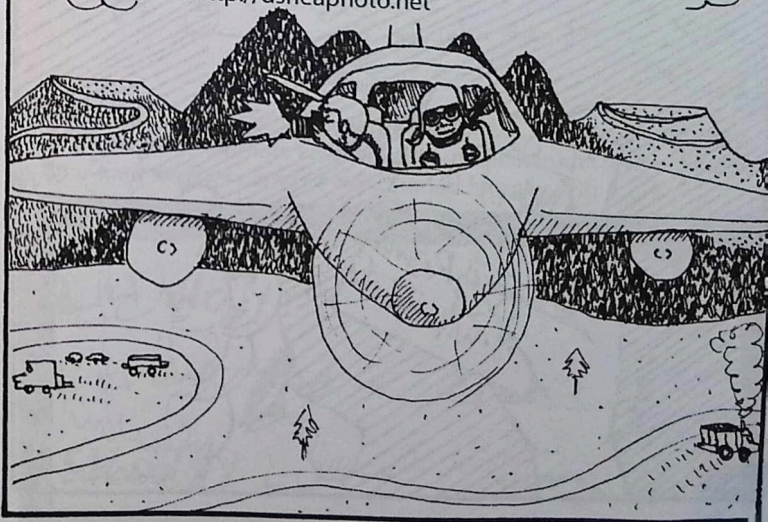
(2) Big Brushy impoundment
N 37°55.13' W 81°27.69'

Eunice Mt. N 37°53.96' W81°34.71'

Hobet Mine N 38°05.23' W 81°59.12'

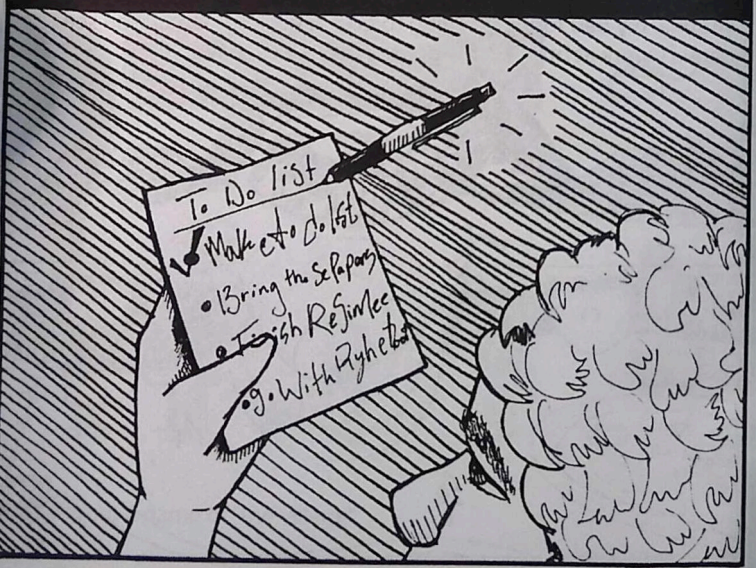
10/13

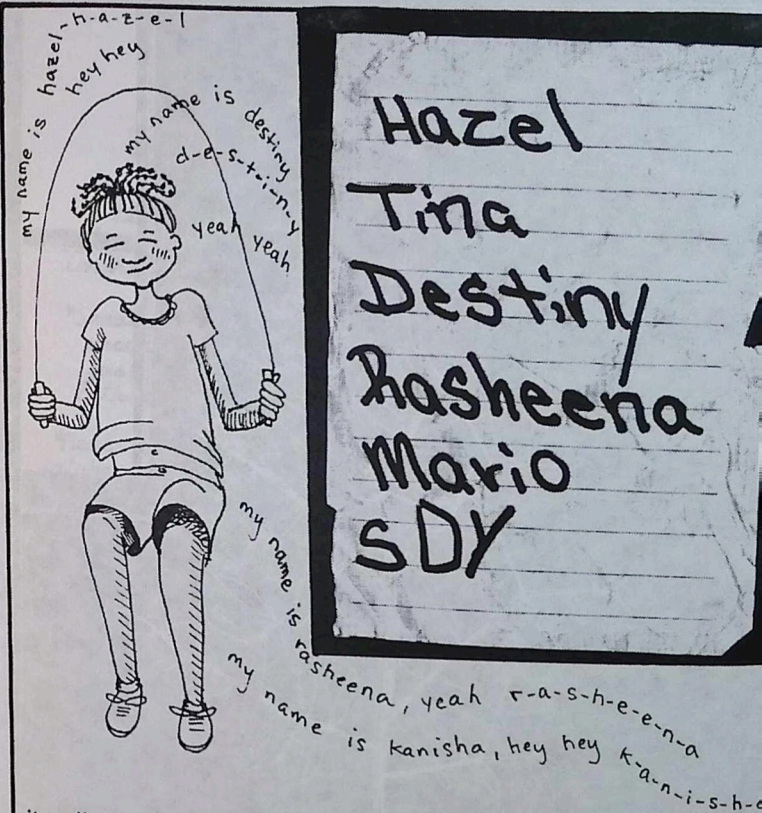
a list of coordinates used to find mountaintop removal sites when my partner, daniel, was doing a photography project in west virginia. my dad took him flying to take aerial photos. you can see daniel's work at http://dsheaphoto.net



To Do list

- Make to do list
- Bring the Papers
- Finish Rej. Mec
- go With Ryhe tonight.



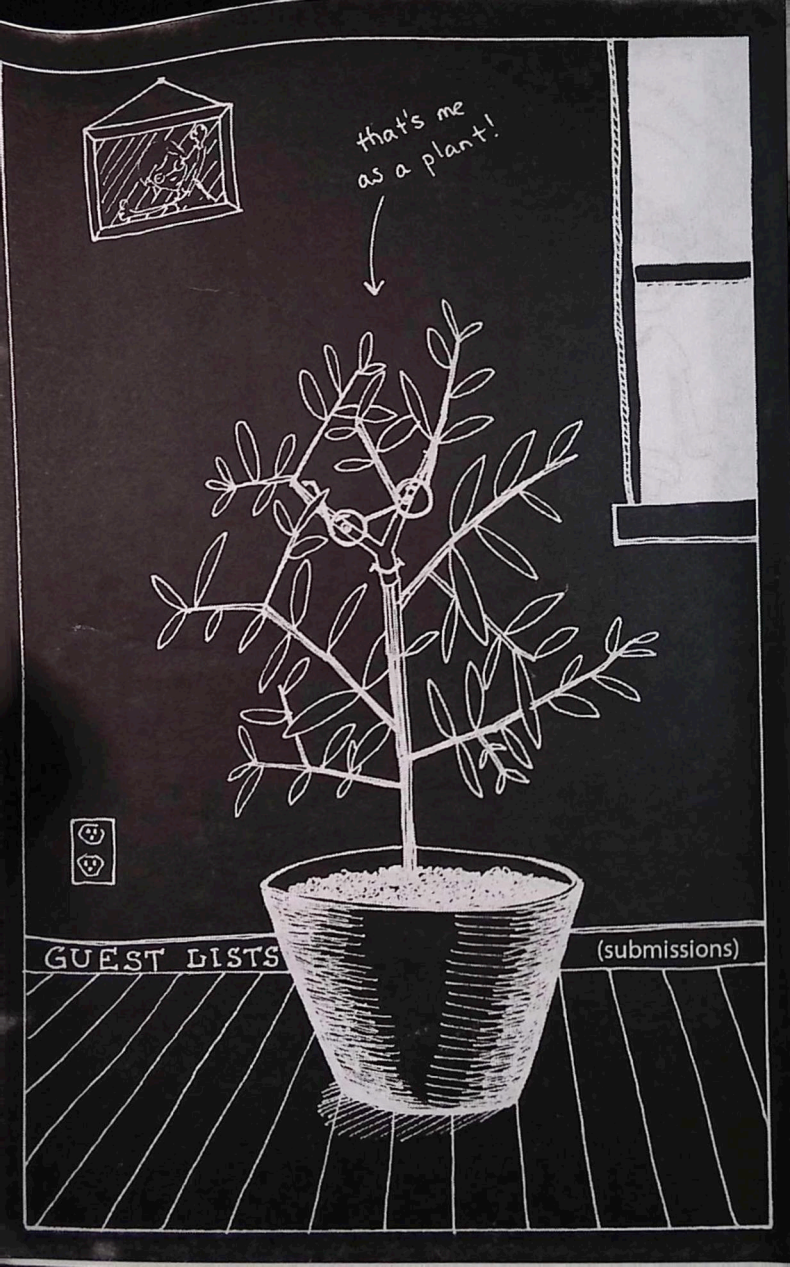


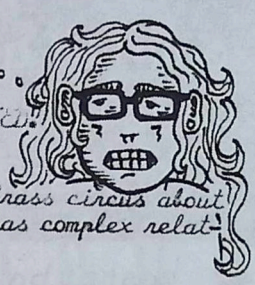
it really happened that my 6-year-old neighbor, kanisha, was playing this game. my roommate kate walked out and kanisha threw in kate's name. kate said her name never sounded more boring.

Lil Wayne -- LolliPOP

Lil Wayne -- GossiP

Shawty Lo -- [illegible]


that's me as a plant!
GUEST LISTS
(submissions)



RELATIONSHIPS ARE COMPLICATED!
(LOVE) (HATE) AUG 31, 2008

a list by jenna b of ~~my~~ sassyfrass circus about a few of the myriad things she has complex relationships with, for example:

*Shaving: I love body hair, but sometimes feel uncomfortable in certain social settings and also just got bribed half the cost of a new bike by my father to shave. Fucked up, but also AWESOME.

*Meat: Was veg, then vegan, now neither. Still limit intake of most animal products, but love eggs/cheese/ ~~me~~ meat and, knowing what I do about animal farming, don't feel as bad as I think I should. My fifteen year old self would kick my ass.

* Cigarettes: Bad for everyone involved. Addicted.

* Skinny jeans: I hate being a person who follows any sort of fashion trend, even one that prevents yr pants from getting shredded by yr ~~bra~~ chain. I totally love skinny jeans though. I just wish I didn't have such a big ass.

*Students for a Democratic Society: I'm an active member in College Park MD and love my chapter, but have major issues with the national structure and a lot of things I see going on. Remember folks, a vegan sausage fest is still a sausage fest.

*Sleep: Feels so good, takes up so much time. Why does coffee stop working after 4 am?

♡ jenna b.

in my zine, sassyfrass circus!

→ for more woeful & agonizing tales of complicated relationships + more legends from the life of a queer punker, contact me @ jenna.brager@gmail.com.

the games i play is:

a list by muka, my 8-year-old neighbor at the frisby house

hide and seek

basketball

bike riding

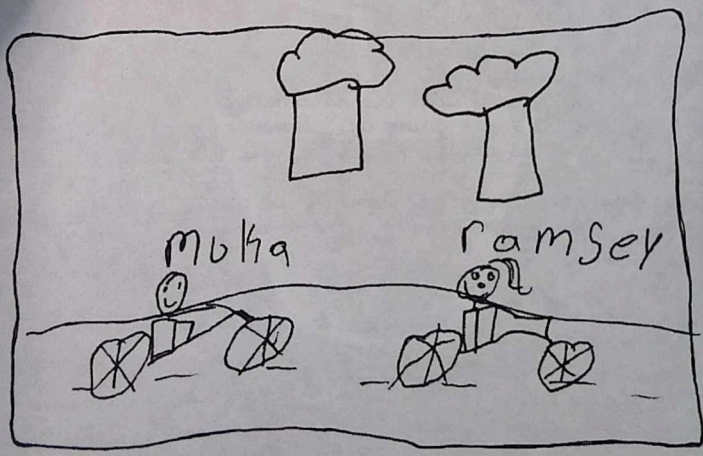
hopscotch

football

playstation 3

Nintendo Wii

playing the guitar



Top 10 Things Library Patrons Really Do

1. Reshelve books because they think they're helping (when really they're just making more work for us by putting them in the wrong place).

2. Fight over the Internet use time limits or who was there first.

3. Argue about paying for a book they damaged saying, "but I didn't mean to do it."

4. Yell across the room to their friends.

5. Answer their cell phones and loudly say, "Yeah, I'm at the library!"

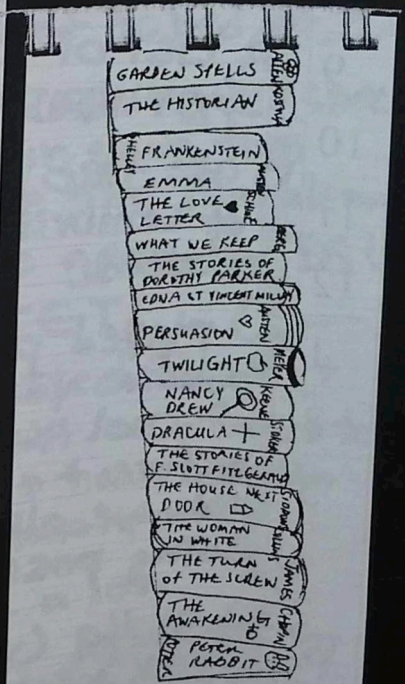
6. Ask me, the reference librarian, for a book they don't know the title or author of, but that it was green.

7. Think that, just because I help them, that I really must like them, so they ask me out on a date.

8. Send their parents to the library to do their homework for them because they have a game.

9. Ask me to find their son (daughter, father, husband, etc.) in the library so that they can tell them to stop by the store to get something on their way home.

10. Call me "darling," "sweetie," "honey," and "cutie."



a list by maria almaguer, a list reader from michigan

dear Ramsey,
sorry we missed you!

2007 DECEMBER 5 WEDNESDAY

TIME SCHEDULE

hope you are having a sweet Christmas in MI!! ♡ we miss + Love you!

A LIST OF CARLY + TOM'S LAST FRIDAY OF 2007!!

1.) ate taco bell compliments of Lemuria's taco bell coupons

2) played preshow of positive yooth fest - a ton of cool kidz we never met before + a bunch of cool kidz we already know + love doing posi things!

3) Stella (your cat) slept with us all night! She even stayed when rover + i spooned!!

NOTES

DECEMBER

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JANUARY

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a list by slingshot dakota (www.myspace.com/slingshotdakota)
when passing through on tour

2007 DECEMBER 7
FRIDAY

TIME | SCHEDULE

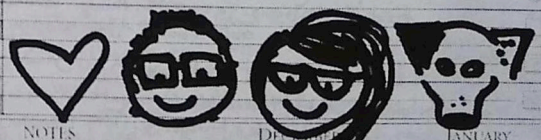
4.) Rover + i spooned!!

5.) we went to bed at 1a

6.) while cashing his check at a pawn shop, tom bought me the Napoleon Dynamite game for DS! SWEET!

7.) we missed Daniel + Ramsey but we did get to see Kate + hear Jordan play guitar! punk!

8.) drove. a lot.



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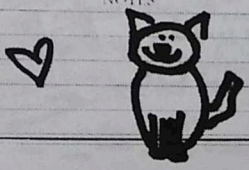

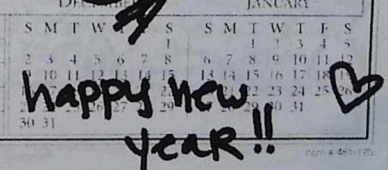

by Elly

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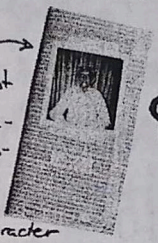
elly.livejournal.com

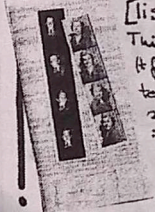
27th. August 2008, Cologne.

List of [list] - issues

[list]#1 - The very first issue



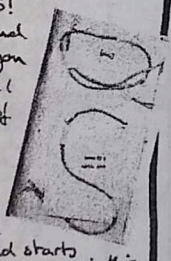
Actually I can't remember which issue I got first. I think I saw #2 on an livejournal zine community and ordered this one along. It has no (!) illustrations, but it is a very good first issue. It already features the three sections: Her own lists, found lists and guest lists. My favourite list: My everyday character flaws - Just because it's as honest as all her zines.



[list]#2 - Yay it's not a one-shot!

This issue is quite similar to the first one in format & style. It features photobooth pictures from a book and also some ramsey took herself with some friends. Also 36 pages, like #1, but features something special! Two hand-written lists by ramsey! My favs: ::Little things:: - Because I can relate quite well, I think.

[list]#3 - Starting to get a series!

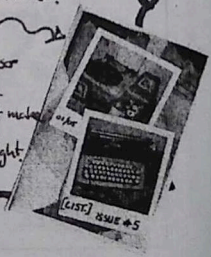


Still no illustrations, but more stuff around the lists. Has a very big guest-section. I noticed (again) you can see every mistake ramsey made while typing - and I really like that. She wonders if there will be more issues of list after this one... Nehe :) My favourite: things i collect - because I'm a collector, too :)

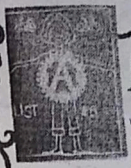
[list]#4 - More than average

Yes, it survived the average issue a zine has. #4 is ramseys summercamp issue and starts with a very long letter - very nice to read! Many pages in this issue feature dark paper and I think these are some first illustrations. Favourite: things i would rather do than work in the craft cabana - Just hilarious!

[list]#5 - Sad and beautiful



This one contains some of the sadder lists, but also so many nice ones, it's hard to pick a favourite. I love the „small things that make me happy" list and „things that make me feel good". & lovely i, too, love riding my bike at night. ramsey - photos!

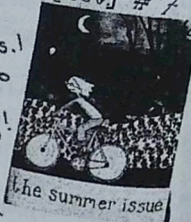


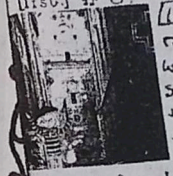
[list] #6 - smallest of them all

This one is diffent, it's quarter sized and half of it is actually a bike zine by daniel, ramseys boyfriend. Also, no grey lists and no found lists. Favourite: Things in my bed rooms - This is the first mainly illustrated issue - cool!

[list] #7 - summer before going abroad

lovely issue with lots of illustrations and very long lists. I like this one a lot, has some kind of "magazine" style to it already. It's fun comparing the early drawings to later ones. Favourite: i am a girl who... - lovely!





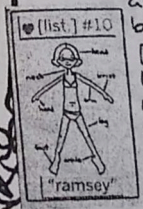
ramsey in france!

[list] #8 - Vive le france

ramsey is abroad and daniel is living with her. It tells you a lot about france and studying there, but it's also about missing home and the problems of a relationship. My favourite: things that are different here - I like such comparisons

[list] #9 - baltimore, warehouse, giraffe

The illustrations are getting better & it's very cool to follow all this. Because of ramseys & daniels breakup, this issue is very intense in parts. It definatly has some very nice lists and you again learn a lot about ramsey and can think about yourself. Fav: things I love about me - everybody should write such a list!



[list] #10 - the very special issue

I am very happy to own this one! It's about ramseys whole live & memories and done on single cards, including a poster! It's all in all very, very lovely and I don't think I can pick something "favourite" about it, as it all in all is faboulus.

[list] #11 - you're the one owning all

When I opened this issue again I found a note by ramsey, telling me she thinks I'm the only person owning all of the list issues (kept best friends & family). This is probably what gave me the idea to make this list here. I really love this zine ☺ Anyway: list #11 is mainly about the frisby house, it even has a little frisby house - extra-zine. The drawings are overall faboulus & its hard to pick a FAV... maybe: "things are complicated" - indeed! ☆

YOU KNOW THE WEDDING PLANS HAVE TAKEN OVER YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU...

...start having dreams about vendors not showing up on the wedding date. and it's still eight months before the wedding

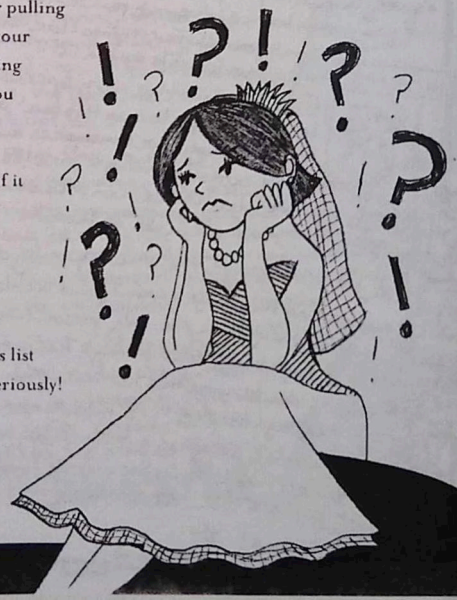
...lay in your bed until two in the morning every night for a week just to agonize over tiny invitation details that, most likely, no one else will notice (as a graphic designer, the invitations have to be 100% perfect)

...get mad at your fiancé for not giving you a straight answer on whether or not the green color scheme with pops of yellow and purple is better than the mostly-shades-of-green color scheme with smaller pops of yellow and purple

...do way too many hours of research on something as silly as boutonnieres. boutonnieres! you didn't even know what the official word for those things were up until a month ago!

...seriously start to consider pulling a little bit of money out of your savings just to get that amazing vintage dress on ebay that you can't possibly pass up

...finally realize that none of it even matters because, at the end of the day, you'll be married to the person you love more than anything



p.s. i'm not as shallow as this list might make me seem. no, seriously! i'm just really obsessive!

by: nathalie wilson, age 23
august 25, 2008 | 8:24 pm

A collection of frequently recurring thoughts

by joe leavenworth

I really miss Baltimore good... I wish I were in that area so badly...
I picked up my
I think about photography
I live in NYC!... I keep "forgetting"...
I need to relax and find/build community...
I... Spring!...
I crush
I'm still Feel
that freakin' sheltered...
what can I do tomorrow that will I always be
too much!
I'm glad I'm in
I never questioning politics more
We just met... we get along well
South this
I'm a
I need gamma not 65mm! at least I have the camera...
I see
I'll be taking again...
gir / 9 ... gir / 6 ... gir ... she is so cute...
I think about
road trip West!
road trip WEST!
Should I think more about being adopted?
Should I think more about space?
Should I
Lonely...
Slowly...
Lonely...
Lonely...
Lonely

Will's Winter Wellness (W) Almanac

1) Get the Fuck out of the house.

2) Explore the rat traps of Chicago

3) Keep your head out of the gutter

4) Music, music, music... play it, listen it, allow it to consume you

5) Drink lots and lots of Maté

6) Cuddle underneath the covers whenever possible.

7) Eat much, well and often.

8) Commode #2

9) Zen and the Art of Bicycle Maintenance (wrenches, Old Style and cassette tapes)

10) Grow a moustache.

11) Grow your hair long and, much like Samson, you will be given super powers, though solely due to glorious hair, not divine intervention.

12) SUNLIGHT! Lots and lots of Sunlight!

13) Quilting.

14) Warm Socks = Warm Thoughts

15) Plan adventures for the springtime and follow through.

TOO MANY BIKES

By JIM V.

AND WHY I CAN'T GET RID OF THEM.

ORBEA MARMOLATA - TRIATHLONS AND THE CAMPY SHIFTS SO NICELY. MY ONLY PURE ROAD BIKE

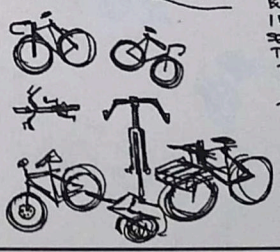
KONA MAJOR JAKE - CYCLOCROSS RACE BIKE. NICEST BIKE I HAVE EVER OWNED

S.S. MTB - FOR MOUNTAIN BIKING. DUH.

SURLY X-CHECK - BEES EVERYTHING. GEARED ROAD BIKE. LOADED TOURING. SINGLE SPEED CYCLOCROSS. FIXED GEAR. NOW ONLY RUNS FIXED/SINGLE BECAUSE THE HANGER'S FUCT.

CITY BEATER FIXED - I RIDE THIS THE MOST. IT HAS A GIANT CARGO RACK ON THE FRONT. THERE IS SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL ABOUT UGLY CITY BEATERS

THE HELL HUSTLE - FIXED GEAR MTB WITH SLICKS. FIRST BIKE I BUILT FROM A RAW FRAME. I BUILT THE 26" FIXED WHEEL SENTIMENTAL VALUE. I WON THE FRAME (SS MTB FROM TAIWAN'S XACD) ON EBAY FOR $2.50.



TA-DA! throughout the final stages of completing this zine, i have been living in chicago, getting settled and starting anew. i'm sure you'll read all about it in list #13. but for now, i hope you enjoyed this issue. as always, comments, cr iticism and feedback are always very welcome!

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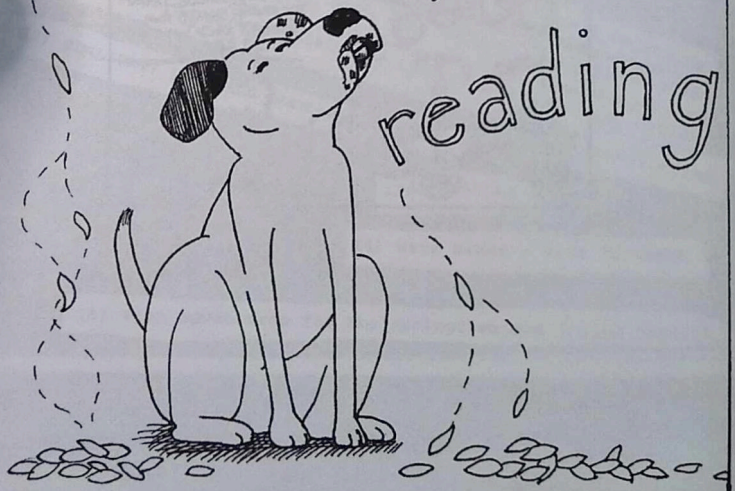

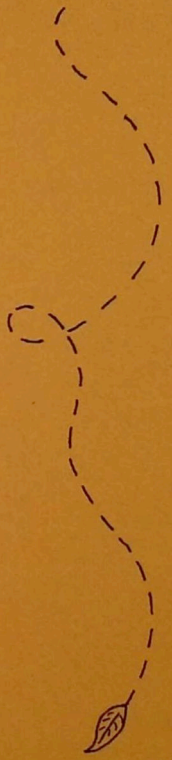

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